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TAGS: PFOR, US, TS

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI ON RELATIONS WITH  
UNITED STATES

REFS: TUNIS 7845, 7899

1. TUNIS 7899 INDICATED THAT FON MIN CHATTI WAS REPORTED BY LOCAL PRESS AS MENTIONING TUNISIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS ONLY IN PASSING DURING HIS STATEMENT TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 22 ON STATE OF TUNISIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS. MORE COMPLETE ACCOUNT APPEARING IN ARAB LANGUAGE DAILY AL AMAL INDICATES THAT HE DID MENTION TUNISIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND DESCRIBED THEM AS GOOD. HE ALSO WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN TUNISA AND THE US WAS MORE IMPORTANT BEFORE 1969 THAN IT IS NOW. THIS COOPERATION, HE SAID, HAS DIMINISHED BECAUSE TUNISIA'S STANDARD OF LIVING HAS IMPROVED AND THE COUNTRY DOES NOT NEED AS MUCH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AS IT DID IN THE PAST. ALSO, ASSISTANCE HAS DIMINISHED BECAUSE THE US HAS GIVEN PRIORITY IN ITS ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUFFERED THE MOST FROM RECENT ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE.

2. COMMENT: CHATTI'S ADDITIONAL COMMENT ON THE STATE  
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OF BILATERAL RELATIONS PARALLELS SOMEWHAT THOSE OF PRIME

MINISTER NOUIRA AS INDICATED IN TUNIS 7899. HIS  
COMMENTS ON AMERICAN ASSISTANCE INDICATE THAT OUR  
MESSAGE RE THE REASONS FOR OUR DECLINING ECONOMIC AID HAS  
GOTTEN ACROSS AND DULY NOTED (HOWEVER RELUCTANTLY) BY THE GOT  
LEADERSHIP.  
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